GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:451
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COMMUNICATION UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Institutes of Mass Communication functioning under the administrative control of his Ministry, along with the funds made available and utilised by them during the last three years, institute and year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up the country's first communication university to standardise and regulate the curriculum for journalism and related subjects and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has consulted or proposes to hold consultations with various stakeholders in this direction;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made therein so far in this regard; and

(e) the time line fixed to establish and make the university operational for students?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE; MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS; AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 451 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/04/2015

(a) The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), established in 1965 at New Delhi, is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and a premier institution involved in teaching, training & research in the field of mass communication. With the growing popularity of the Institute's training activities and with a view to meet regional aspirations, a Regional Centre of IIMC was established in Dhenkanal (Odisha). In order to expand the reach of IIMC further in the country, four new Regional Centres have been established in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala Maharashtra and Mizoram to impart quality training in the field of mass communication. While the Regional Centres at Amravati (Maharashtra) and Aizawl (Mizoram) became operational from the academic session 2011-12, the remaining two Centres at Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) and Kottayam (Kerala) have become operational from the academic session 2012-13. At present, Post Graduate Diploma Courses are being offered by the Institute in various disciplines of mass communication. Details of funds made available to IIMC and utilised by it during past three years are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Non-Plan funds made available to IIMC and utilised for New Delhi and Dhenkanal Centres		Plan funds made available to IIMC and utilised for New Delhi, Dhenkanal, Amravati, Aizawl, Jammu and Kottayam Centres	
	Funds made available to IIMC	Funds utilised by IIMC	Funds made available to IIMC	Funds utilised by IIMC
2012-13	7.82	7.76	4.70	4.01
2013-14	10.27	10.27	3.70	3.33
2014-15	10.19	10.19	13.47	13.47

(b) to (e):There is no proposal to set up a communication university, as yet.

However, there has been a demand from certain sections of media that a communication university be set up to meet the growing demands of all types of communication systems. In order to discuss the feasibility of setting up such type of institution along with its proposed structure and mechanism, this Ministry has initiated the process to hold the consultations with various stakeholders. No time line has been fixed in the matter, so far.